

REMARKS

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Sayoc for the courtesies extended during an interview on September 16, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner agreed with Applicants' representative that the prior art of record fails to teach transmitting an image of compressor configuration information between a compressor and a system master.

Claims 18-30, 32-34, 36-43, and 46-51 are now pending in the application. By this paper, Claims 18-20, 23-26, 29-30, 32-34, 36-39, and 41-43 have been amended, Claims 46-51 have been added, and Claims 44 and 45 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The basis for these amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 44 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Heckel (U.S. Pat. No. 4,975,024).

Claims 18-23, 25-29, 32, 33 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Centers et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,471,486).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot as independent Claims 44 and 45 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Centers et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,471,486), as applied to Claim 44.

Claims 34, 36-40, 43 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Centers et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,471,486), as applied to Claim 44, and in further view of Culp III et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,975,854).

Claims 24, 41 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Centers et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,471,486), as applied to Claim 44 and 45, and in further view of Friedland (U.S. Pat. No. 5,423,190) and Sunaga et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,035,661).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot as independent Claims 44 and 45 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 46 and 47 each call for a compressor having a control block in communication with a system master. An image of compressor configuration

information may be transmitted between the control block of the compressor and the system master.

The Examiner, in rejecting now-cancelled Claims 44 and 45, relied primarily on Heckel (U.S. Pat. No. 4,975,024) and Centers et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,471,486) as teaching a compressor having a control block in communication with a system master. Heckel and Centers et al. do not teach or suggest transmitting an image of compressor configuration information from a compressor controller to a system master or transmitting an image of compressor configuration information from a system master to a compressor controller. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent Claims 46 and 47, as well as Claims 18-30, 32-34, 36-43, and 48-51, respectively dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

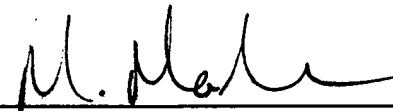
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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